

# United States and Canadian Cattle

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## *January Cattle Inventory Down Slightly From 2003*

**SIOUX FALLS, February 19, 2004 – All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada** combined totaled 109.5 million head on January 1, 2004, down slightly from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 47.9 million head, was up slightly from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2004, totaled 94.9 million head, 1 percent below the 96.1 million on January 1, 2003. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.9 million was down 1 percent from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2003.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of January 1, 2004, totaled 14.7 million head, up 9 percent from the 13.5 million on January 1, 2003. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 6.1 million, was up 5 percent from the 5.8 million on January 1, 2003.

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on January 30, 2003.

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